

Amendments to the Drawings

Please replace Figures 1, 3, 4, 5, and 8 as amended on the corresponding Replacement Sheets, attached hereto.

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-16 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the only independent claim. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Objection to the Specification

The specification has been objected to for not having been checked to determine the presence of possible minor errors.

A Substitute Specification and Abstract is filed herewith correcting minor errors in the original specification and abstract, as requested by the Examiner. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the objection be withdrawn.

Objections to the Drawings

The drawings have been objected to for failing to show the conventional names described in the specification for the elements shown in Figures 1-19 with unconventional symbols. Figures 1, 4, 5, and 8 having "unconventional symbols" have been amended to show the conventional

names described in the specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the objection be withdrawn.

Figure 3 has been objected to for failing to be designated by a legend such as "Prior Art." Figure 3 has been amended to provide such a legend. Applicants therefore respectfully request the objection be withdrawn.

Objections to the Claims

Claims 1-16 have been objected to as being generally narrative and indefinite. The Examiner states that the claims contain grammatical and idiomatic errors which must be corrected. Claims 1-16 have been amended as requested by the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request the objection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for noting that claims 1-16 include allowable subject matter.

Other Matters

The Examiner indicates that the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on December 14, 2004, does not include a concise explanation of relevance and therefore the information referred to therein has not been considered. Applicants have filed a Supplemental Disclosure Statement herewith which includes concise explanations of relevance of the non-English

language documents cited therein. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner consider the information referred to therein.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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